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Jamie Jones, right, looks over his front lawn on Monday, Aug. 3 the morning after a tornado touched down in Kinmount, uprooting trees and damaging property. Jones said he took shelter in his basement when the storm came through and that it sounded like a train. His house sustained only minor damage. No injuries have been reported. /JENN WATT Staff

### Kinmount residents evaluating damage following tornado on Sunday

by JENN WATT

Editor

Neighbours, municipal workers, hydro crews and local businesses were out in Kinmount on Monday morning, cleaning up after a tornado went through the village around 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 2.

Trees were ripped down by wind, uprooted in many cases, fences collapsed, a garage reduced to a pile of its contents and items strewn around. Damage is apparent in the area along County Road 121 on the south side of the village and Bobcaygeon Road.

Jamie Jones said when he noticed the wind change directions on Sunday, he headed for the basement of his Bobcaygeon Road home.

"It sounded like a train," he said on Monday morning, standing among large downed trees on his front lawn.

Although he lost many trees, damage to his home was minimal. He doesn't know of any injuries from the storm. "The fire department was around checking on everybody," he said. "Everyone's OK as far as I know."

Amie Rummenie, who lives across the

road from Jones, said she was cooking dinner when the weather app on her phone gave her a tornado warning. She called upstairs to her husband, who had just got out of the shower, and at first he didn't say anything.

"Next thing I heard the wind and he came running down the stairs [saying] 'get in the basement.' And that's when we grabbed our

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Above, many large trees were broken by the tornado's strong winds on Sunday night, scattering them over the cemetery property.

Left, Kinmount residents walk down Bobcaygeon Road on Monday, Aug. 3, the day after a tornado ripped through the village, downing trees and damaging property. The steady whine of chainsaws could be heard throughout the area as the cleanup efforts began. / JENN WATT Staff

### Neighbours pitch in to clean up

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three kids and went into the basement," she said.

After the storm had passed, Rummenie, who is a personal support worker, checked in on her neighbours. "... Last night

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when we came out I walked to each house and said hi and everyone seemed OK," she said.

The family's house had some shingle damage and their chicken coop was demolished; they still have six of their seven chickens. The pergola her husband built five years ago when they first moved in will also need to be rebuilt.

"The canoe's in the tree over there and the boat's in the baseball diamond," Rummenie said.

She said the community response had been "absolutely phenomenal.'

"I've got people I don't even know who live across town here helping, which is fantastic. And the hydro crews and the town have been awesome. They've worked so quickly," she

Residents on the road mentioned that several local companies had volunteered to help with the cleanup.

Environment Canada confirmed three tornadoes had touched down in Ontario on Sunday in Camden East, Oxford Mills and Kinmount. Kinmount's was classified as an EF1 tornado, the second weakest on the Enhanced Fujita scale.



The canoe's in the tree over there and the boat's in the baseball diamond.

— AMIE RUMMENIE



Trees were ripped from the ground at the cemetery by an EF-1 tornado that went through Kinmount on Sunday. Fences were mangled and backyard structures destroyed in the south part of the village around County Road 121 and Bobcaygeon Road. No injuries have been reported. /JENN WATT Staff

### Environment Canada confirms tornado touched down in Kinmount

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Peter Kimbell, meterologist with Environment Canada, confirmed a tornado had caused the damage in Kinmount on Aug. 2.

"We have a close collaboration with Western University, a specific group called the Northern Tornadoes Project, they actually do research on tornadoes across the country," he told the Times on Aug.4. "They were able to confirm three tornadoes on Sunday – one in Camden East, one in Oxford Mills, one in Kinmount."

A tornado was confirmed in Perth County, near Stratford, the following day.

Kinmount's tornado was rated an EF (Enhanced Fujita Scale) 1, with maximum wind speeds of 150 kilometres an hour.

'The EF0 goes from 90 to 130 km/hour, the EF1 goes from 130 to 175 km/hour and then it goes up from there," said Kimbell. "So we know we can have an EF5 up to 300-and-so kilometres an hour. Those are extremely rare and only one recorded in Canada, but it's possible."

Of the three tornadoes reported on Aug. 2, Kinmount was the only one to be rated EF1.

"For context, Gatineau and Dunrobin in Ottawa, two years ago, there were two tornadoes - that was an EF3, the one in Nepean was an EF2 and it caused a lot of damage," said Kimbell. "So this was smaller, but the other two tornadoes on Sunday were EF0s, so this one's the strongest of the three."

How can a tornado be confirmed after the fact? The EF scale looks at estimated wind speeds and related damage.

"It's a bit of guess work," said Kimbell. "So if a tornado does go over a farmer's field and causes no damage, we don't really know. But we basically look at the damage that was caused, and we have ratings based on that. And then also it depends on the kind of damage - was it a long and narrow swath, or was it very wide, was there damage lying in multiple directions, that kind of thing."

Residents in Kinmount said the tornado on Sunday happened 14 years to the day of the last one. Kimbell said "there were quite a few tornadoes on that day," in 2006, with one in Combernere being the largest.

"They don't happen very often, no, so these events are relatively uncommon in Eastern Ontario," he said. "Have they

happened before, absolutely. And will they happen again, of course. But they don't happen every day and when they do happen they are usually pretty isolated."

Environment Canada tries to give warning providing people with ample time to take shelter, and though Kimbell said "we have ever-increasing skill at recognizing when these kinds of events are going to happen," the warning system is continuing to improve.

"It's still a science that, it's in its infancy, we're still learning a lot.'

According to a summary from the Ontario Storm Prediction Centre of Environment Canada, the tornado in Camden East had winds up to 130 kilometres an hour and is rated a highend EF0. It struck at approximately 2:35 p.m. The tornado near Oxford Mills at around 4:25 p.m. had estimated maximum winds around 90 kilometres an hour and was rated a low-end EF0, causing light damage. On Monday, a weak tornado north of Mitchell was reported at approximately 12:40 p.m., causing tree damage. The events are still under investigation in collaboration with the Northern Tornadoes Project. Anyone with further information regarding possible tornadoes, storm damage or anything weather related can contact ONstorm@canada.ca.

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August 27 - Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting a month in July, August and December.

During this unprecedented time, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

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The Committee of Adjustment hearing scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020 has been cancelled.

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### Minden Hills passes face mask policy

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Minden Hills council has passed a non-medical mask or face covering policy that applies to employees and members of the public within municipal facilities amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and which will deny entry to anyone not wearing a face mask.

Councillors first discussed the draft policy during a July 23 meeting. The policy requires that members of the public wear face masks when entering municipal facilities, and that employees wear face masks while interacting with members of the public both inside municipalities and off-site, when doing municipal work. The first draft had included a list of exemptions taken from a framework provided by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. They included medical conditions, which people would not be required to prove, and religious reasons.

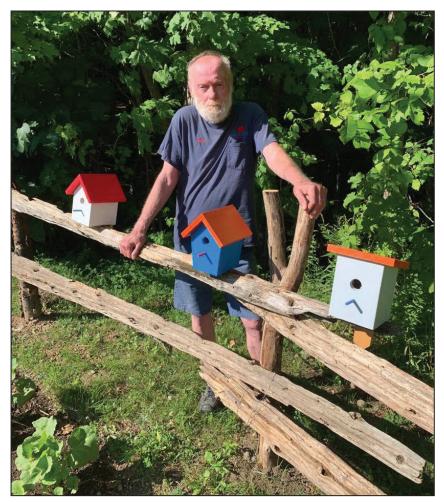
"Implementation of the policy will be enacted and enforced in 'good faith' and will be primarily used as a means

spaces," the draft policy had read. "No one will be denied service if they can't wear a mask.'

Councillor Bob Carter took great exception to the religious exemption, and also pointed out that research indicates there are actually very few valid medical reasons why someone cannot wear a face mask. Carter suggested that face masks should be required for everyone, and that anyone who may refuse to wear one should be denied entry to municipal facilities and dealt with on a case-bycase basis. Other members of council agreed with Carter's comments, and a revised version of the policy came back before council during its online July 30

The exceptions section of the revised policy reads as follows: "The establishment will deny entry to anyone not wearing a face covering and staff will deal with individuals on an exceptional

The policy was unanimously passed by council and will remain in effect so long as the mandatory face mask requirement from the health unit is in place.



### **Burke's birdhouses raise hundreds for food banks**

Tom Burke had reached his goal of raising \$500 for the Minden Community Food Centre through the sale of birdhouses he was making at his Minden home during the pandemic when the Times talked to him last week, and had decided to keep going to raise another \$500 for the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank. Just after our phone call, someone stopped in and bought 10 more houses, donating \$250 to Tom's efforts, putting him half-way to his second goal.

Burke said he sold 25 birdhouses in a month and a half by donation, receiving anywhere from \$10 to \$40 for his handcrafted creations. "I was kinda happy about it," he said.

Burke's birdhouses and bat boxes are available at his home - call ahead at 705-286-4168 to arrange a curbside pickup or stop by when you see his roadside sign. Birdhouses are also available at Canoe FM in Haliburton. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

### Exploring natural gas options for Minden

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Minden Hills council is writing a letter of support in principle for EPCOR Utilities Inc. as it applies for grant funding to assist with the exploration of a natural gas system that could service the village of Minden.

Councillors voted that the township would provide the letter after a lengthy discussion during their July 30 online meeting, and after establishing that the penning of the letter would not constitute any kind of commitment on the township's part.

"We've been looking, throughout Ontario, at areas that currently don't have gas systems that could benefit from them," Thomas Stachowski of EPCOR's commercial services branch told councillors in a delegation. Stachowski explained the company intended to make a grant application to access some of a \$130-million pot the Ontario Energy Board and Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines is making available for gas expansion projects.

"The letter of support would come from the community," Stachowski said. "It doesn't commit the community to moving forward with the project."

He said the company had had discussions with representatives of some surrounding municipalities, including Dysart et al.

"Do you have a letter in hand from Dysart?" asked Mayor Brent Devolin.

Stachowski responded that Dysart was focusing on the district energy system it is in the preliminary stages of working on, that system being one that involves the burning of wood chips to provide heat and hot water in the village of Haliburton.

"And so they've chosen not to support natural gas," Stachowski said.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she had a number of concerns with the proposal, among them that there had been no community consultation.

"So, I can't support this at this time, we don't have input from our community,' Savne said.

Councillor Bob Carter also had some questions, wondering if the letter meant the township was somehow favouring EPCOR over other companies that may wish to embark on a similar project in the area. "I'm not even willing to say natural gas would be the best thing for Minden Hills at this time," Carter

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said she was supportive of a potential plan to allow Mindenites the option of heating their homes with natural gas, and noted the community had many low-income residents.

"Going to a natural gas option in our community, would save them a lot of money," Schell said.

Savne said the idea of a local district energy system, perhaps water-based, operated the municipality, and where residents even potentially received dividends, would be a much better fit for township.

"It would be much more fruitful in the long run for us," she said.

"I really don't see the harm in the letter of

support," said Councillor Jean Neville, and ultimately, the majority of council agreed with that, that the township essentially had nothing to lose.

"As long as we have the option of saying,

this isn't right for our community," Carter said.

Six of council's seven members voted in support of the letter, with Sayne opposed.

### Two fires in one week in Algonquin Highlands

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

There were two house fires in Algonquin Highlands last week, with one home destroyed in a blaze on Boshkung Lake's Echo Bay in the early morning hours of Thursday,

Fire chief Johnathan Wilker confirmed that Algonquin Highlands Fire Services got the call for that fire at 2:30 a.m., responding from the fire station in Stanhope. When firefighters arrived, the structure was fully involved, and firefighters used multiple hoses to extinguish the blaze. No one was home at the time of the fire and there were no injuries. The cause is under investigation.

A few days prior, at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, Algonquin Highlands Fire Services received a call for an activated smoke alarm on St. Peters Road. Responding from the Stanhope station, firefighters arrived to discover smoke coming

from the second floor of the single-family home. "Firefighters advanced a charged line to the second floor and extinguish a fire contained to one bedroom," Wilker said in an email. "Mutual aid was activated and fire crews from the Dysart fire department assisted with fire suppression."

No one was home and there were no injuries. The cause of that fire is also under investigation.



Julia Lewis submitted this photo of a house fire on Boshkung Lake's Echo Bay in the early morning hours of July











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### Evangeline's beans

020 HAS BEEN a rough year for everyone, including ✓ our garden.

Our vegetable garden is a small, 10-foot-by-10-foot raised box in the corner of the backyard. After being zapped with frost in mid-June then subjected to an extreme heat wave, until recently, the garden was looking, well, pretty sad. Very

Evangeline, my three-year-old daughter, and I try our best with our watering cans when I get home

from work, but nothing spurs plant growth like some actual rainfall, the sort we've received during the past couple of weeks. The plants are now back on track, finally yielding some harvestable produce, including a couple of rows of beans that just became edible in the past week or so.

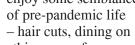
Evangeline and I planted the garden together after "the new moon in June," which was always the planting advice from my grandfather, who was a farmer. For me, the smell of soil will be forever associated with him. When I was a kid, my parents had large vegetable gardens at both the house and cottage, and planting those gardens and watching them grow was a ritual, one I'm now continuing with my own children, albeit in a scaleddown fashion.

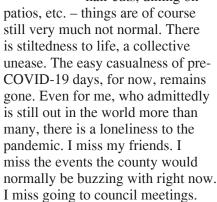
Gardening is always cathartic, but it has been particularly therapeutic this year, as we all continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic. More than four months into the crisis, so many aspects of it have become normalized; steering clear of others, overly frequent hand-

washing, making sure you have a face mask in your car before you head out into the world. My life, in a day-to-day capacity, certainly has not changed as much as those of some. Throughout the pandemic, I have continued to travel to and work from the small office of the Minden Times, which until very recently was closed to the public. I don't go anywhere once I'm here, but I still get out of the house five days a week.

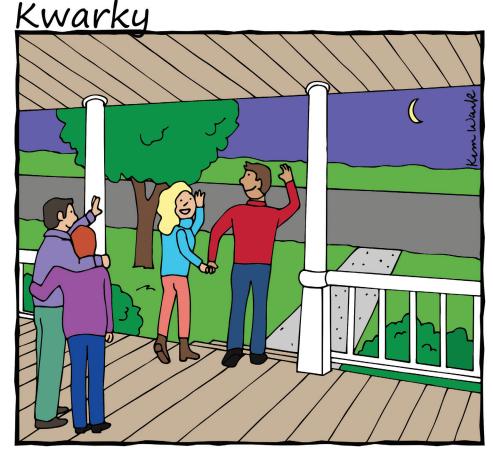
For us at the newspaper, the first

couple of months of the pandemic meant writing about nothing but the pandemic, every day, which, quite frankly, was pretty awful. Very 2020. And while since mid-June in the county we've been able to enjoy some semblance





The day is warm and sunny, and I pick the first bean from our garden. handing it to Evangeline. She's so excited that what she planted as a seed nearly two months ago has transformed into something she can eat. She joyfully devours the bean, announces that it is yummy, and runs off toward her jungle gym. In that moment, I feel like everything is going to be OK.



"Ok, we can go back to hating each other."

### The most dangerous berry

**STEVE GALEA** 

Beyond 35

THE OTHER day while meandering through a small stretch of wilderness, I wandered into an abandoned meadow and found myself in a dangerous

It happened because I had made the rookie's mistake of not being aware of my surroundings. Which is why, when I looked up, I found myself confronting what is arguably the most dangerous thing in the outdoors.

I'll admit, as blackberry patches go, this one wasn't all that big. But, as anyone who has any experience with blackberries knows, they don't have to be big to maul you.

They just have to be loaded with berries.

And this one was.

Even so, I should have known better. I should have made myself big, spoke calmly to it and slowly backed off. For a man in shorts is no match for even the smallest of blackberry patches.

But the berries were right there, almost in reach.

In a situation like this, the prudent thing to do is remember the spot, make your way home, and then return later wearing a suit of chainmail or something else that might have lessened the injuries you are about to have inflicted upon yourself.

Instead, I did what anyone in this situation would do. I thought, "I'll just be careful and pick the berries within easy reach.'

That's just what the blackberry patch wants you to think. Also, there are never blackberries within easy reach when you have short arms.

I won't get into the grizzly details about my life or death struggle. Suffice it to say, once I reached into the bush, it attacked my bare legs and inflicted injuries I might never recover from psychologically. And while I was looking at these, it grabbed me from the shoulder down and did not want to let go no matter how much I whimpered and begged.

Somewhere in between all that, it scratched my face up and somehow left marks on my back.

Blood flowed profusely. Pain shot through my body. My mind imagined me never being heard from again.

Which is when I thought, "I'll just get one more berry.'

When I finally got home, Jenn looked at me and said, "Oh my goodness. So, we really do have cougars in the county?

Then I told her that my many injuries were

from a blackberry bush I got into a tussle with.

'I should have known," she said. "The wounds seemed too severe to be from a cougar."

"Yup," I replied.

After she looked me up and down, she finally said, "I don't want you going back to that blackberry bush again. It's way too dangerous...'

"It's loaded with berries," I replied.

She gave me a look like I was an idiot and then handed me protective goggles and said, "Get a bunch. They are \$4.99 a pint right now."

And that is exactly what I did. I got her some that evening and then went back the next morning for some more. And I will probably continue doing so until there are not enough berries left to pick.

A lot of people would cut their losses and think that \$4.99 was a small price to pay for safe acquisition, especially when you factor in the price of Band-Aids and such. Not me. I really like fresh blackberries once you wash off the blood.

Besides, I find berry picking addictive. Some people can quit cold turkey. But not me. I'm on the patch.



**CHAD INGRAM** Reporter

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### A little dab'll do ya!

AM HOPELESSLY out of touch with the world of 2020. My hair has led me to that realization. I haven't had it cut for five and half months and people have started to call me Doc, after Dr. Emmett Brown, the absent-minded professor in the movie *Back to the* Future. Doc, with his wild grey curls, often looked like he had just stuck his finger in an electric light bulb socket.

So, I needed something to tame my wild and crazy mane. My mind quickly drifted back decades to the days when my dad introduced me to Brylcreem, a favourite men's hair cream in those days.

That memory set off a famous jingle dancing in my head,

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"Brylcreem, a little dab'll do ya!

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was still being made so I asked Google. Google told me that Brylcreem was invented in Britain in 1928 by a company called County Chemicals in Birmingham. It was an emulsion of water and mineral oil stabilized by beeswax.

It rapidly became popular, notably among Royal Air Force (RAF) pilots during the Second World War. These guys became known as the Brylcreem Boys.

My dad did not serve in the RAF but he was a Brylcreem Boy. He always had a tube of it on his dresser. And, as part of my growing up ritual he made sure I had a tube of my own.

I used it faithfully, trying to slick back my curls in hopes of developing the duck-cut style of the rock 'n roll generation. But I never recall the gals

Then came the brush cut era and Brylcreem and I parted company.

Google tipped me that Brylcreem was still alive and reasonably well despite its advanced age. Unilever, that British-Dutch giant that sells more than 400 brands of food, products, drinks, and personal care products in almost 200 countries, was selling it in stores across the U.S. and Canada.

So out shopping I went, breaking the pandemic isolation that had me looking like Doc Brown. I really needed a tube of Brylcreem to get my head slickly under control.

My first stop was a popular large department store with a personal care products section the size of Yankee stadium. There was row upon row upon row of shelving loaded with enough shampoos, conditioners, and hair goos to grease 100 rock bands for a lifetime.

The last time I had gone looking at hair products, a few bottles or tubes of shampoo and hair conditioners occupied a tiny corner of one shelf. Now there were hundreds of all shapes, sizes and labelling screaming, "Pick

There was a shea butter conditioner with your choice of bentonite clay or charcoal. And, a "strong roots" coconut oil with a label showing sliced coconut, plus an extra virgin oil conditioner with a photo of some tastylooking Frantoio olives.

Back in the old days, mom scolded us to eat our fruits, vegetables and nuts, not rub them into our hair.

Most appetizing of all was an egg protein hair product whose label featured a golden waffle being smeared with egg yolk and maple syrup. I couldn't imagine someone plastering their hair with such a scrumptious meal in a bottle.

I wondered if the 2020 version of Brylcreem would be that yummy. I never tasted it when I was a boy, but knew of someone who did. In Season 2 of *The Sopranos*, Junior Soprano said to a colleague:

"The Federal Marshals are so far up my ... I can taste Brylcreem." He didn't describe the taste.

Despite the hundreds of hair goos and other hair stuff on the endless rows of shelves, there was no Brylcreem.

I did find it online, however, and when I need more I won't have to go to a store and become confused about whether I'm in the hair products or gro-

Better still, maybe the COVID pandemic will end someday, I'll get a haircut and Brylcreem can return to the past.

### Hormones and happiness

Practical Fitness

HERE'S A MEME on social media that caught my attention. The title is "Happiness chemicals and how to hack them." It lists dopamine, serotonin, oxytocin, and endorphin as the four happiness chemicals. That makes it sound like something that takes place in a science class. The four chemicals listed naturally occur in our bodies. They are hormones produced by different glands. They travel

with the bloodstream, acting as messengers and have a role in many bodily processes.

One of the important functions of each of these four hormones is mood regulation, specifically the promotion of positive feelings. Here's the

 Dopamine is known as the feel good hormone. It drives the brain's reward system. It's that feeling you get when you achieve a goal or get praised for doing a good job.

- Serotonin helps to regulate our moods as well as sleep, appetite, digestion, learning and memory.
- Oxytocin is often called the love hormone. It's essential for childbirth, breastfeeding and parent-child bonding. It can improve trust, empathy and bonding in relationships.
- Endorphins are our body's natural form of pain relief. The "runner's high" is one of the better known examples of the body response to a stressful situation.

It's amazing that all of this is built into

every one of us. The idea behind the meme was to remind us that we have 24/7 access to these chemicals/hormones and how to get at 'em. It's stuff that we already know but that we push aside to get other things done that leave us feeling overwhelmed and underappreciated.

To get the four hormones flowing it's about getting back to the basics:

• Dopamine: complete a task, celebrate

little successes, eat (choose good food or that creates another problem) or take a nice

• Serotonin: meditate, exercise (run, walk, cycle, swim), spend time in nature (running, walking, cycling or swimming) or get out into the sun.

 Oxytocin: play with a baby or dog, hug a friend, or give a compliment (simple, huh?).

• Enphorin: Laugh, exercise, watch a comedy or eat dark chocolate

(guess that's more painful than eating milk chocolate).

Look for opportunities to test out these ideas. I'm going to enjoy the burst of dopamine I'm going to get as I finish this article. Then I'm going to play with the dog and eat some dark chocolate. After that I'll hug a friend. Seems easy enough.

Something to think about.

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### Bingo proceeds fund food banks

Money collected through Canoe FM's to bulk purchase food, which will be distrib-Radio Bingo from January through June of 2020 will infuse local food banks with nearly \$32,000 between them.

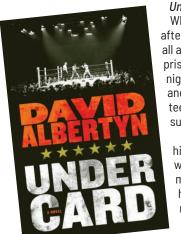
Bingo proceeds are split between Canoe FM, going to its broadcast expenses, and local charity. The charities change over time.

According to information from Canoe FM, the Minden Food Bank will use the money uted to all of the county's food banks, based on need.

Radio Bingo began in 2012 and since then more than \$317,000 has been given to notfor-profits in Haliburton County.

Staff

### Book of the Month - August



**Undercard** by David Albertyn

When Tyron Shaw returns to his hometown of Las Vegas after 11 years in the Marines, his childhood best friends are all anyone is talking about: Antoine Deco, three years out of prison, hasn't lost a boxing match since his release, and tonight is fighting in the undercard to the fight of the decade: and Keenan Quinn, a police officer who killed an unarmed teenager and escaped punishment from the courts, is the subject of a protest tomorrow morning.

The situation escalates when he runs into the love of his life, Naomi Wilks, retired WNBA player and estranged wife of Keenan. As Tyron reconnects with his old community, he will learn over the next 24 hours that much has changed since he left Las Vegas... and there is much more that he never understood.

A nominee for this year's Evergreen award, Undercard is available from Haliburton County Public Library.

### Horseshoe Lake heroes save neighbour's life

by SUE TIFFIN

Times Staff

On July 4, just after dinner, Justin Bragg was sitting out on his neighbour Tyler Eames's dock when they saw another cottage neighbour, Paul Tantakis, head into Horseshoe Lake for a swim. Looking down the shoreline, Justin could see his parents sitting outside at their cottage next to the Tantakis place, and Dan Gerrard on his deck eating dinner next to Eames's cottage. Paul had built his Minden cottage in the early '70s, and John Bragg, Justin's dad, had been cottaging next door since he himself was a kid, so the little community along the stretch of cottages was well-known to each other. It wasn't uncommon for the 80-year-old Paul to go for a swim, along with his pool noodle.

'We looked away, and started talking, and then when we looked back, we didn't see him," Justin told the Minden Times. "My dad was next door to him, and he was sitting outside with my mom. He yelled, he just said 'help,' and then he yelled my name ... I was up before my dad yelled because I knew something was wrong. But as soon as my dad yelled, it just kind of clicked in and I took

It was Justin's instinct to run, taking off along the rocks, through the forest between the properties, where he jumped into the water to join his dad and Gerrard.

"It was shock," said Justin. "I was talking to my neighbour and he said, you either do one of two things. You never know what it's like until you get into that situation. You strive, or you kind of hide. And I guess my, I don't know what to say, but my mind just kicked into, 'Oh my God, I have to do something.' ... I didn't even know I could run that fast until something like that happened."

The men formed a triangle in the water, looking for Paul along the bottom, and quickly found him.

"We got him out," said Justin. "I was the one who had found him in the water. He went right to the bottom. He sunk. I pulled him up and threw him over my shoulder."

Gerrard helped Justin bring Paul to a boat launch, where Justin's girlfriend, Brittany Tait, began CPR. The two were up at the cottage for the weekend relaxing from work - Justin as a carpenter, Tait as a registered nurse at a long-term care home in Port Hope. When Tait tired, she directed the men to carry on, with CPR performed for about 10

"The ambulance guys were amazing," said Justin of paramedics Aaron Turner and Matt Barr. "They got there in great time ... They did an amazing job."

Paul was airlifted to Orillia, and then taken closer to home, to a hospital in Scarborough.

Mark Tantakis, Paul's son, said he speaks to his dad every day, and had spoken to him only hours earlier from Pickering that day. Though he did worry about the risk of his dad potentially falling or hurting himself in some way while visiting the cottage alone, he didn't expect the call from his neighbour telling him his dad had been taken to the hospital. The cause of Paul's mishap in the water is still unknown.

"He broke his back last August, actually, so he's still pretty weak from that," he said. "That was quite something to have to recover from at his age. He was very weak and probably shouldn't have been in the water. I think



Paul Tantakis, who has cottaged on Horseshoe Lake since the early '70s, is recovering after a swim went wrong on July 4, and he was pulled from the bottom of the lake by his neighbours. Paul's son Mark wrote to the Minden Times to thank all involved in saving his dad's life. / Submitted photo

it was just a case of, he got himself into a little bit of trouble and wasn't strong enough to right himself."

Though Paul's medical team were concerned about the potential for brain damage, Mark said his dad seems to be feeling fine upon waking up and being extubated.

"His voice was very, very faint at first, for the first day, because he was on the vent for so long," said Mark. "It was hard for him to say much."

His dad's recovery he said, has been "quite remarkable."

"I assumed there was trauma to his brain, because he wasn't very responsive, but once the vent came out and he was able to stay breathing on his own, he was completely different, and quite responsive," said Mark. "He was asking for food right away so I knew he couldn't be in that bad of a state, if you're hungry."

Mark said though it's unlikely his dad will go out swimming by himself again, he'll want to get back to the cottage that's been part of his life for more than four decades as soon as possible.

"The cottage, that's his life up there, so he for sure will want to go up there as soon as he can, same way as what happened last year with his back," he said. "It took him many months to recover from his back, and as soon as he was well enough, he was saying, 'I

We looked away, and started talking, and then when we looked back, we didn't see him.

— JUSTIN BRAGG



want to see my cottage.' So I'm sure he'll be saying the same thing again."

Mark is grateful for those who helped his dad through the entire ordeal from the water through to the hospitals.

"I can imagine, it was a Saturday, there were lots of people there, everybody says it was quite the event that took place with everybody helping out," he said. "Literally, the way that everybody responded so quickly and they found him, it wasn't like he was under water for 10 minutes, they found him quick ... For [emergency services] to show up when they did, it was a perfect job by every-

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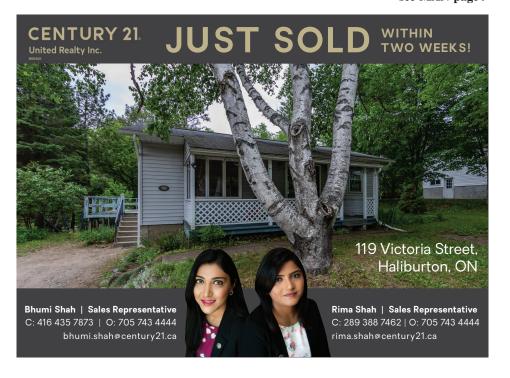
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### Man recovering following accident in lake

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body involved, really."

Like Justin, he acknowledges the timing of

"It was very fortunate. If it was a Tuesday instead of a Saturday it would have been a totally different story."

Justin said he was thrilled to hear that Paul was recovering, and off the vent a couple of weeks after the accident, having worried about him each day.

"It turned out the best way," he said. "I think after that situation, it's always been a family up there, our cottages, we've always grown up together and hung out, I think this has brought us really closer.'

Though Justin is humble about his part in the story, acknowledging several times the group effort rather than simply his role, Mark said everyone involved in saving his dad should be applauded.

"There's not a lot of good stuff going on right now," he said of his reason for reaching out to the paper. "... I'd like some recognition for Justin for pulling him out and really everybody that helped out. They deserve to be recognized."

Paul Tantakis built his cottage on Horseshoe Lake in the '70s and has developed strong friendships with neighbouring cottage friends - they were there when he most needed them. /Submitted



### MH to seek input on regulations for camping trailers

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Minden Hills council is directing township staff to develop a public input process for the potential creation of regulations to limit the use of and create a licensing system for recreational campers within the township.

Last summer, council heard a delegation from residents who'd traditionally camped on their parents' property and against whom a complaint was launched. Under Minden Hills' zoning bylaw, recreational vehicles and campers are prohibited uses on properties in the townships, save for on licensed trailer parks and campgrounds. However, it's widely understood that camping on residential properties does take place and when the issue was discussed last year, a number of councillors seemed to agree that the municipality's regulations were too strict, and that perhaps it was time to modernize them.

As a report from township planner Ian Clendening indicated, the township does receive complaints about the use of trailers for camping purposes, receiving 25 such complaints during 2018 and 2019.

"Not surprisingly the three months of June through August generates the greatest complaint activity with a total of 13 complaints, or 52 per cent," reads the report. "Interestingly, there is a an influx in November, likely the result of individuals concerned with how 'temporary' the recreational trailer is intended to be used for as winter sets in."

Some municipalities have policies regulating and controlling the use of trailers, with associated licensing systems.

"The review of other municipal practices highlighted a number of approaches including the variation in where in the municipality they were permitted; the number of trailers; whether a permit is required for a small number of days; and the length of the permit,"

the report reads. "Should council wish to proceed with permitted recreational trailers, public consultation should be sought."

Council agreed that public consultation should be the next step.

"I hate to say it, but everybody's got valid points," said Councillor Bob Carter, referring to those on both sides of the argument. Carter said he didn't want to create a process that was too administratively burdensome, and supported pursuing public consultation.

"We just have to realize that we're probably going to make 50 per cent of the people unhappy, so we just have to make sure we're doing it in the right way," Carter said.

Councillor Pam Sayne noted that the complaints are often related to things the township already has bylaws for - noise, for instance - and said any redundancy should be removed from new regulations for trailers.

"We need to get rid of the things that are overlapping and already addressed," she said. Sayne also pointed out there are some people in Minden Hills living in trailers throughout the winter, who have nowhere else to go.

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said that because other municipalities already having licensing systems in place, the township could borrow ideas from them.

"We don't need to re-create the wheel," Schell said. "... We can look to what works in other areas."

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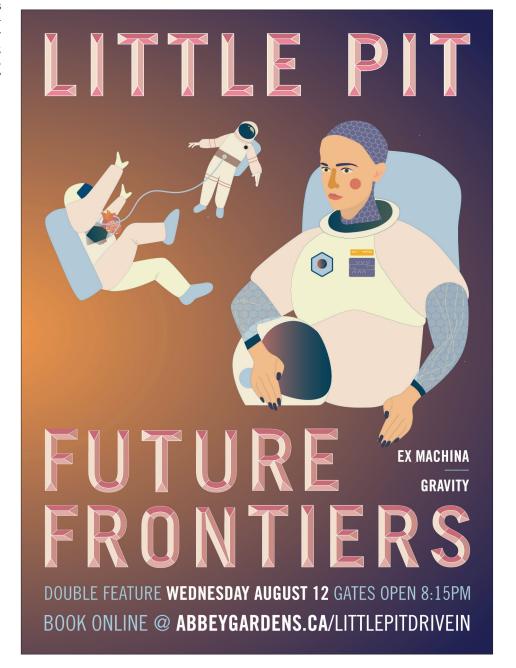


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### Washout on Deep Bay Road

Nearly 400 metres of Deep Bay Road was severely damaged after a high volume of water overwhelmed four culverts on the morning of Monday, Aug. 3 in Minden. A possible cause was one or more beaver dams north of the road that broke, allowing water to flood the area. County staff were busy working to ensure area residents immediately affected could leave their residences. This photo faces south on the road. The road is expected to open to the public by Wednesday, Aug. 12 and motorists are told to use the Highway 35 detour.

Below is the damaged southbound lane of Deep Bay Road. /DARREN LUM Staff





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### Province announces back-to-school plans, reopening of daycare

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

When the school bell rings in September, students in Haliburton County will be able to head back full time.

After weeks of parents fretting, going over three options the provincial government had recommended for public schools - full-time learning, distance learning, or a hybrid of the two – on July 30 the province announced back-to-school plans for this September.

Under the plan, local schools would join other public schools in the province in reopening Sept. 8, and elementary and high school students in Haliburton County can attend five days a week.

"Elementary schools (kindergarten to Grade 8) will reopen province-wide, with in-class instruction five days a week," reads a press release from the provincial government. "Secondary schools with lower risk will reopen with a normal daily schedule, five days a week, while most secondary schools will start the school year in an adapted model of part-time attendance with class cohorts of up to 15 students alternating between attending in-person and online. Students from Grade 4 to 12 and school staff will be required to wear masks." Masks for students in younger grades will be optional.

"It's been hard on families to balance work and child care, while kids have been separated from friends and other kids their own age," said Premier Doug Ford in the press release. "We want to get our kids back to school, but it has to be done safely. That's why we've worked with our public health experts, Ontario Health and the medical experts at SickKids to develop a plan that ensures students can return to the classroom five days a week in a way that protects the health and safety of our children, teachers, and school

According to the press release, "Parents will continue to have the option to enroll their children in remote delivery, which respects their fundamental role in making the final determination of whether they feel safe with their children returning to school." The provincial government also announced it will spend \$300 million on additional public health protocols including:

- •\$60 million in procurement of medical and cloth masks for students and staff, with direction to boards to ensure that students who cannot afford a mask are provided one;
- •\$30 million for teacher staffing to support supervision, keeping classes small and other safety related measures;
- •\$50 million to hire up to 500 additional school-focused nurses in public health units to provide rapid-response support to schools and boards in facilitating public health and preventative measures, including screening, testing, tracing and mitigation strategies;
- •Over \$23 million to provide testing capacity to help keep schools safe;
- •\$75 million in funding to hire over 900

additional custodians and purchase cleaning supplies for schools;

- •\$40 million to clean school buses, to ensure that students are in a thoroughly cleaned transportation environment;
- •\$10 million for health and safety training for occasional teachers, who have historically not been covered by professional development that is offered to permanent teachers;
- •\$10 million to support special needs students in the classroom; and
- •\$10 million to support student mental health.

"This funding is in addition to a \$25 million investment in mental health and technology, which will see an additional \$10 million dedicated to mental health staff, resources, and programs, as well as \$15 million in technology funding to support the procurement of over 35,000 devices for Ontario's students to support their synchronous learning in-school and beyond," reads the press release.

Ford was joined by Christine Elliott, deputy premier and minister of health; Stephen Lecce, minister of education; and Dr. Barbara Yaffe, associate chief medical officer of health for the announcement.

"This plan reflects the best medical and scientific advice with a single aim: to keep your child safe," said Lecce in the press release. "While this plan will continue to evolve to respond to the changing threat of COVID-19, we will remain constant and consistent in investing in the resources, staffing, and cleaning supports, and strict health and safety protocols to keep our communities

and our classrooms safe."

### TLDSB communicating with parents, students ahead of school start

Trillium Lakelands District School Board said after the announcement that "TLDSB senior administrators will be reviewing the details of the ministry's directive over the next several days and including any additional protocols into our planning.'

TLDSB said all students must re-register for school, and will receive an email with a link to a form asking to pre-register for inperson and at-home learning, at which point a "program will be developed with enhanced public health protocols in place." Any changes from at-school or at-home learning choices will take time to implement once the school year has begun.

Parents will also have to register for boardprovided transportation, and those who opt out will not be able to opt back in until the second semester in February.

"TLDSB schools will be ready to welcome students on September 8," reads the board's return to school webpage. "Administrators have been preparing for a return to school for several weeks with the health and well-being of our students as our main priority."

"At this point in time there are still many items to consider as we finalize our plans,' reads the board website. "We are working with our local public health units to review our plans to ensure we have included the

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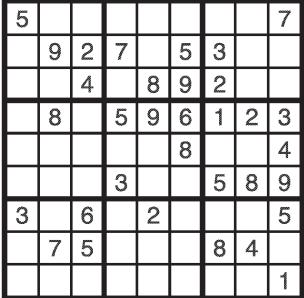
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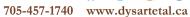












### Teachers' union advocates for physical distancing

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most current safe practices during a pandemic."

Each family will receive a link to a student/family re-entry guidebook in August, and a printed copy of the guidebook in September, which will provide details about returning to school during a pandemic. "Families will need to be prepared for a change in the current plan from the Ministry of Education and public health based on any emerging COVID-19 pandemic issues," reads the TLDSB site.

### ETFO says restaurants, grocery stores and gyms have more safety restrictions

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, which represents 83,000 elementary public school teachers, occasional teachers and education professionals, responded to the announcement later that afternoon, noting that "while educators want to be back with their students this fall, the government's plan for a return to school falls far sort of ensuring the safety of public elementary students and educators."

'Schools are supposed to be safe places for children. This plan does not adequately address the safety of students or staff," said Sam Hammond, president of ETFO. "Restaurants, grocery stores and gyms will have more safety restrictions in place than elementary schools given the insufficient funding allocated in this plan ... The successful advocacy and organizing of parents, educators and others has forced the government to add some additional investment to the reopening of schools in September. While it's a step in the right direction, the funding to support the plan falls far short of what schools need to keep students and educators safe in September."

ETFO's press release said the teachers' union is concerned the government is not reducing elementary class sizes to allow for two-metre physical distancing, nor requiring students in kindergarten to Grade 3 to wear masks.

"Two-metre physical distancing and mask wearing have been required for indoor activities across the province. COVID-19 does not distinguish between a grocery store and a



Minister of Education Stephen Lecce announces his government's back-to-school plan during a press conference on July 30. /Photo supplied

classroom, between a coffee shop or school hallways," reads the press release. "Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are more active and have less self-regulation and this will make physical distancing more difficult. That's why smaller classes and mask requirements for all students are necessary to ensure the safety and health of everyone in elementary schools."

### Chief Medical Officer of Health said school expected to be safe amid declining cases

The government's announcement came on the second consecutive day of the province reporting fewer than 100 new cases of COVID-19

"Thank you, Ontario," tweeted Lecce just before the announcement. "Because of our collective vigilance and sacrifice to #StopTheSpread, students can safely return to school this September. Now more than ever, let's not let our guard

"Based on the current data, we are seeing that overall instances of COVID-19 are declining in Ontario," said Dr.

David Williams, chief medical officer of health. "When considering the health of the whole child, and as long as this trend continues, we believe that with the appropriate measures and strategies in place to handle potential outbreaks and prevent spread, schools are expected to be a safe place for Ontario's students and staff who attend in person. We will continue to closely monitor the situation to ensure the safety of students and staff and will be prepared to transition to alternative options should circumstances change."

The government had previously asked school boards to develop plans that are due to the Ministry of Education by Aug. 4. The plans were to address three models: conventional delivery, adapted instruction, and remote instruction with synchronous learning. "As the public health situation unfolds through the course of the school year, boards will continue to rely on these three models to respond nimbly and pragmatically to local public health dynamics," reads the press release.

The ministry's Learn at Home program launched March 20 after March Break when students did not return to school due to provincial emergency shelter in place orders and school closures.

Prior to the announcement, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board shared plans for a special meeting of the board, which was held Aug. 4. A story about that meeting will be published in the *Times* next week.

### Daycares permitted to open at full capacity Sept. 1

Also on July 30, the province announced plans to "gradually and safely reopen child care for working parents," according to a press release, noting a reopening to full capacity being possible on Sept. 1.

"We are helping more moms and dads return to work as Ontario's economy gets back on track," said Lecce in a tweet on July 30. "Starting Sept. 1, child care centres and EarlyON Child and Family Centres can open at full capacity while maintaining strict & enhanced health and safety protocols."

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### **Funding provided** for PPE

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The government said safety procedures put in place as part of the reopening plan were still in effect, "and in some instances, strengthened, to protect children, staff and families," including

- Requiring all child care staff to wear masks at all times, effective Sept. 1;
- Ensuring frequent cleaning of child care centres;
- Screening of children and staff before entering a childcare
- Maintaining attendance records for rigorous contact tracing and coordination with local public health authorities;
- Ensuring frequent hand washing and proper hand hygiene for children and staff; and
- Establishing clear and rigid case management protocols in the event a staff member or child becomes ill, or tests positive for COVID-19.

According to a press release, the province will also be providing additional funding, with support from the federal government through the Safe Restart Agreement, to help child care providers and centres purchase cleaning supplies, PPE, and support staffing needs related to new procedures.

### Province's Phase 3 in second week

Phase 3 of the province's reopening plan began July 17 and July 24 for most health unit jurisdictions in Ontario, with Toronto and Peel regions entering the stage July 31. Windsor-Essex is the only region in the province still in Phase 2. Phase 3 allows for indoor dining at restaurants, the reopening of movie theatres, playgrounds and live theatre shows and larger gatherings of people both outdoors and indoors, with physical distancing measures still in place.

As of July 31, the province has reported 39,075 positive COVID-19 cases, with 34,906 of those cases resolved. A total of 2,772 deaths have been reported, 1,793 of those deaths reported for residents in long-term care homes, and eight being health-care workers in long-term care homes. Just more than 11,000 of the cases have been reported in both the 20 to 39 age demographic and 40 to 59 age demographic, just more than 7,000 cases have been reported in the 60 to 79 age demographic, just more than 6,000 in the 80 and over age demographic, and 2,205 cases have been reported in the 19 and under age demographic.

In Haliburton County, 13 cases of COVID-19 have been reported since March, with 12 cases resolved as of press time.

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This is the cumulative data on confirmed COVID-19 cases in the HKPR District Health Unit area.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	13	176	25	214
Current Probable Cases+	0	0	О	О
Current High Risk Contacts+	5	1	3	9
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	2	14
Resolved**	12	156	25	193
Deaths	0	32	0	32
Current Outbreaks	0	0	О	О

As of July 31, there is one active case of COVID-19 in a Haliburton County resident, with 12 previous cases resolved. One current probable case, and five current high risk contacts, were also reported on July 31, with no change from July 27 reporting. Probable cases are individuals who are a symptomatic close contact of a confirmed case and whose lab results are not available or inconclusive and do not include outbreak-related cases in long-term care homes, while high-risk contacts are defined as asymptomatic individuals who are known to have been in contact with a confirmed or probable case. The hospitalization recorded on this chart is not current. This information is updated on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, excluding holidays. Positive COVID-19 tests conducted in Haliburton County on residents with a primary address outside of Haliburton County are recorded in the health unit of that address. /Screenshot from the HKPR District Health Unit website at hkpr.on.ca.



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#### **Art on the Dock**

When: Saturday, Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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When: Monday, Aug. 17, noon

Where: Blairhampton Golf Club, 1557 Duck Lake Rd., Minden Raising money for Abbey Gardens, this fun afternoon of golf starts at noon with registration and a box lunch. Staggered starts, tee times TBC. Dinner follows at Abbey Gardens at 6 p.m. where there will be awards, food and beer tasting. Proceeds go to educational programming.

Contact: Janis Parker janis@parkerpad.com or Heather Reid heather@abbeygardens.ca

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Where: Abbey Gardens

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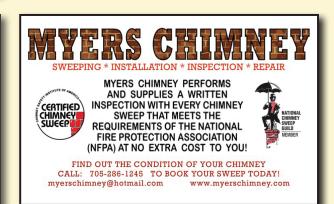
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### Rec facilities remain closed in AH

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands' recreation complexes - the Dorset Recreation Centre, the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall and the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre – will remain closed amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"Upon review and discussion of a comprehensive reopening proposal regarding township recreational related facilities, it has been determined that all recreation facilities will remain closed until further notice," reads a release from the township. "The factors contributing to this decision include staffing, logistics, resources and most importantly, the safety of employees and the public in keeping with public health recommendations."

The Dorset tower will remain closed for 2020, as will the museums in Dorset and Stanhope, both of which are having construction work performed on them.

In July, the township reopened playground equipment at its parks, noting the equipment will not be regularly disinfected, and asking residents to practise appropriate hygiene as well as social distancing measures.



### MH/HE close to landfill agreement

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills and the Municipality of Highlands East are getting closer to an agreement that will allow Irondale-area residents to use a waste disposal site in Highlands East once Minden Hills closes the Irondale landfill, which is scheduled to take place in September.

As previously reported, last year, Minden Hills council made the decision to close the site, as it had a number of issues in recent years, including non-compliance with provincial regulations, and residents dumping garbage along a nearby roadway when the site is closed. It also has the lowest traffic volume of any of the township's landfills.

For years, Highlands East residents close to Irondale have been permitted to dispose of their waste at the Minden Hills facility there through an agreement with the Municipality of Highlands East. Now, the townships have been working on a reciprocal agreement that

will allow residents in the eastern portion of Minden Hills to access the Highlands Eastowned Glamorgan transfer station. Garbage will be deposited into a Minden Hills bin, and when that bin is full, Minden Hills will transport that waste to its Scotch Line landfill. Recycling, scrap metal and electronics can be disposed of in the recycling.

Minden Hills will pay Highlands East approximately \$7,500 a year through the agreement, roughly the same amount Highlands East has been paying Minden Hills for access to the Irondale facility.

Minden Hills staff will draft an agreement to be sent to Highlands East.

The closure of the Irondale landfill has far exceeded its initial budget. While \$290,000 was originally budgeted for the project, and while the township awarded the contract to Four Brothers Construction in the amount of approximately \$277,800 plus HST, as a staff report received by council last week indicated, the capping of landfill is also requiring some \$260,000 (plus HST) worth of clay to be transported to the site, bringing the project's overall budget to more than \$566,000.

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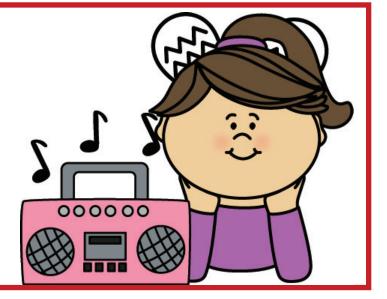
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### **Betty Alice Alberta Hicks (nee Burk)**

It is with saddened hearts that we inform you of the passing of our mother, Betty Hicks, she passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, July 30, 2020. In her 90th year.

We thank God for the hope! we rejoice that because of her faith, hope and trust in Jesus that we will see her again!

Beloved wife of the late Gerald Bertram Hicks (2008). Loving mother of Bev (Pat) of Lochlin, Dave (Helen) of Charlotte, N.C., Roger (Kelly) of Stanhope. Cherished G-ma of Jason (deceased), Joel, Rachel, Holly (Kerry) and Emily (Steve). Predeceased by her brother Neil Burk. Lovingly remembered by her family, friends, and also her church family at Northland Faith Church.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 3:00 until 6:00 pm. \*\*Due to COVID 19 restrictions, All visitors must remain in their vehicles in the Funeral Home Parking Lot until being escorted into the funeral home by funeral home staff and the wearing of masks or facial coverings is mandatory. We appreciate your understanding during these times.\*\* A Private Graveside Interment Service will be held at the Ingoldsby Pioneer

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highland Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), to the Northland Faith Church or to a Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Passed away peacefully at the Halburton Hospital after a courageous 8 year battle with cancer on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at the age of 55.

Loving wife of Steve and mother of Abby Campbell (Judd) and JD Crowe (Abby). Proud GG to Hudson and Isla Crowe and Kain Campbell. Dear daughter of Catherine and the late Willis Bain (1989) and sister to Michelle Hinkle (Steve) and Christine Bain. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

It was Sharon's wish for cremation and a Celebration of her Life will be announced at a later date.

For those who wish to make a donation in memory of Sharon, they can be made to the SPCA would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged

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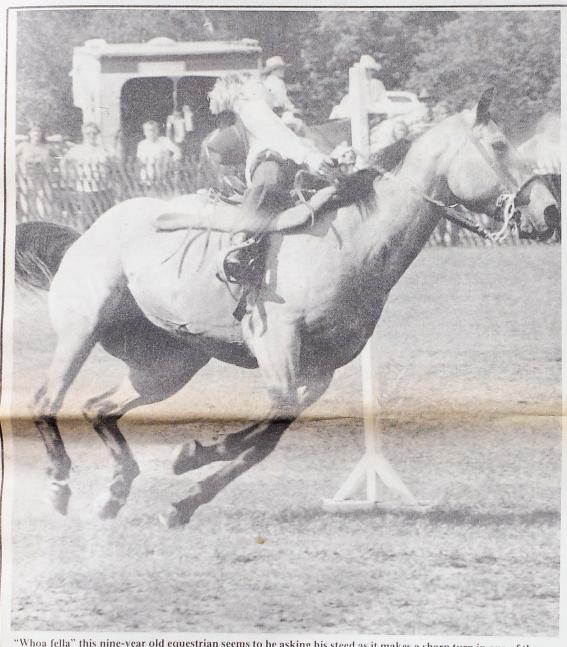
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Monday, August 22, 1988



"Whoa fella" this nine-year old equestrian seems to be asking his steed as it makes a sharp turn in one of the western events at the Haliburton County fair Saturday. For more pictures of the day's activities, please see pages 6 and 7

### Airport funding approved

After close to a decade of planning and studying, the upgrading of the Stanhope Municipal Airport is finally ready for flight.

Federal Transport Minister Benoit Bouchard last week approved a \$790,000 grant for this project, which is expected to open the airport up for

Not surprisingly, Stanhope Township Reeve Harry Davis is very happy with the announcement. "It's the culmination of a lot of hard work," said Davis, who has been personally involved in the project for about ten years. "It will make quite an improvement," he said. In addition, it will have a social and economic impact on Stanhope Township and Haliburton County. "This is a great thing for Stanhope," said Davis. "There was a lot of work involved in this.

Victoria-Haliburton MP Bill Scott announced the grant approval on behalf of Bouchard. In a press release, Scott said the improvements to the airport, "will create many economic benefits for the tourism industry and for local construction and manufacturing companies.

The estimated cost of the entire project is \$1million. In addition to the contribution from the federal government, the province and municipality are expected to share a contribution of \$210,000.

The upgrading project will include a slight realignment and paving of the runway. The airport will have an exit taxi-way and apron lights will be added along the runway and taxi-way. There will be a parking area for 20 cars and a refuelling facility for the aircraft will be installed. In addition, meterological aids, such as wind speed and direction measuring equipment will be installed.

The social and economic benefits this airport upgrading is expected to generate are already outlined in a cost-benefit study, which was completed in 1987 with the help of a \$25,000 federal

The funding for this project is being made available through Transport Canada's financial assistance program for local and community

### 124th, another successful Cessful county Irwin, Minden Reeve Sinc thanked all those who

The village of Minden may well have been a city for the weekend as thousands of people made it out the fairgrounds to experience the 124th

Haliburton County Fair. The "Friendly Fair" has been an annual event since 1864, but with a tremendous number of exhibits and events being run throughout Saturday and

Sunday, this year's has to be one of the best.

The weather couldn't have been better for enjoying the fair. The heat wave that has gripped the province all summer finally broke, making for some very pleasant weather.

Although the midway was in operation Friday evening and there was a teen dance at the community centre, the official opening of the fair was not until Saturday's parade made its way into the fairgrounds.

During the opening ceremonies, the audience heard some brief remarks and greetings from the Agricultural Society president Mary Jane Nesbitt, Victoria-Haliburton MP Bill Scott, and Haliburton County Warden Bob McCausland.

Almost an entire year of work by the volunteers of the Agricultural Society went into making this fair a success and Irwin made a special point of thanking all the members who have worked so hard. She also

entered the exhibits and competitions, noting that without them, there really wouldn't be a fair.

As County Warden, McCausland officially opened the fair. He brought greetings from members of county council and invited all to enjoy the and invited all to enjoy the two full days of friendly competition.

Before closing the

official ceremonies, Irwin had one more enjoyable task to complete. She took the opportunity to present a diploma to Roy and Rita Hughes, who have been involved in the fair for many years. The diploma comes from the Ontario Agricultural Society and recognizes outstanding contributions made by Society members.

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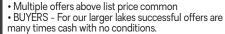
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